



Welcome to our monthly newsletter

APRIL IS NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANT MONTH!

Let's celebrate Native Hawaiian Plant month by learning more about some of the important flora and fauna that we cultivate and protect through our programs at 808 Cleanups. From lei making to cleaning the Ala Wai Canal, these plants have many versatile uses.

Plus, don't forget to Save the Date and RSVP for our next fundraiser on Earth Day, April 22nd.

Details are below - we hope to see you there!

Save the Date

EARTH DAY FUNDRAISER
AT MAUI BREWING CO. KAILUA

Tuesday April 22nd from 7-9

RSVP TODAY!

MA'O



Ma'o is an endemic and endangered tree, also known as native Hawaiian cotton. It can be found growing in coastal plains and dry forests, and it features bright yellow hibiscus flowers, the official state flower of Hawai'i.

Much like a cotton swab today, the fibers from this plant were used for medicinal applications by early Hawaiians. In modern times, ma'o saved the cotton industry. When ma'o was crossed with other cotton strains, the commercial hybrids successfully repelled insects that were destroying cotton crops.

PŌHINAHINA



Pōhinahina is an indigenous shrub found on sandy coastlines. These plants are especially useful for stabilizing soil and helping with erosion control.

In the past, Hawaiians used pōhinahina leaves to treat minor illnesses, such as headaches, and even extracted liquid from steeped leaves for use in medicinal baths. The flowers were used to repel insects when layered between folded kapa (bark cloth).

The leaves retain their fragrance and shape well, making them a popular choice for lei, including lei po‘o.

‘ĀKULIKULI



‘Ākulikuli, an indigenous succulent plant, is one of the most salt-tolerant of all coastal plants. As a groundcover, it helps prevent erosion and protects coral reefs from sediment runoff.

They excel at filtering excess toxins and nutrients out of water sources. Roots of ‘ākulikuli have been planted on floating platforms in the Ala Wai Canal to help clear up the murky, polluted water.

All parts of the plant are edible, with leaves having a salty, pickle-like flavor.



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programs and
keep native
Hawaiian plants
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